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PROCESS ON A CERAMIC HOB, AND CERAMIC HOB FOR CARRYING OUT SAID

METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following Amendments be made in the above-identified matter prior to examination thereof:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.